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Mission status

(As of Aug. 2)

Days ahead(+) or behind(-)

	+ 1.3
	+ 1.9
	+ 2

Fiscal Year 2000 statistics

--Sorties flown: 56,623
--Hours flown: 83,703.2
--Pilot wings earned in FY 00: 272
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Career assistance adviser: New special duty position instated to help improve retention

By Airman 1st Class
Brad Pettit

Editor

Gen. Michael Ryan, Air Force chief of staff, has created a new special duty position to help Air Force members make informed decisions about their careers.

The job of wing career assistance adviser is to advise officers and airmen on enlisted retention activities and programs and provide information and guidance on career decisions.

The person holding the position will help commanders develop career information and motivation programs. He will also counsel enlisted personnel on the opportunities and benefits of the Air Force, and Air Force Reserve and Air National Guard, should they choose to separate.

Master Sgt. Mark Bowersox, 47th Medical Group, will hold the position of career assistance adviser for Laughlin beginning Oct 1. He said he is looking forward to educating members on enlisted

activities and programs. "A lot of airmen don't know what the Air Force has to offer," said Bowersox. "This is mainly because supervisors are so busy with day to day tasks that they don't have a chance to sit down with their people and mentor them on all the advantages and different career options in the Air Force. I will talk with newcomers and let them know about things like educational and medical benefits, as well as other great things in the Air Force that may help them to make the right decision when the time comes."

Bowersox will work directly for Chief Master Sgt. Randy Crist, 47th Flying Training Wing command chief master sergeant. Together, they both express a desire to meet or exceed Laughlin's retention goal. "I think it will definitely contribute to matching or exceeding the goal," said Crist. "When airmen come in to his office, they will be looking for a reason to stay. I think he will give them enough information so they



Photo by Airman 1st Class Brad Pettit

Master Sgt. Mark Bowersox, career assistance adviser, goes over Tricare benefits with Airman 1st Class Kylie Roberts, 47 MSS. Free medical coverage is one of the many benefits Bowersox will explain to airmen considering separation.

can leave with enough education to make a sound decision."

"This position (here) is starting out with a top-notch noncommissioned officer," said Crist. "I don't see how we can fail to benefit from what he will bring to this job. I'm sure that it will turn the tables for those who are looking

for a reason to stay in."

"Among other things, I will show airmen the salaries they will most likely make on the outside," said Bowersox. "And if they are still considering separation, I will point them in the direction of the

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Laughlin instructor pilots locate downed helicopter

By Staff Sgt. Reginal Woodruff
Public affairs

Two T-1A instructor pilots from the 86th Flying Training Squadron on a continuation sortie located a downed Army UH-60 helicopter near Killeen, Texas July 26.

Major John Roden and Capt. Pete Gubser were returning to Laughlin from Easterwood Field, Texas when Houston Center requested their help in locating the helicopter. No one was injured in the accident.

The aircraft, Army 24470, declared an emergency with Houston Center due to a main rotor transmission failure. Houston Center requested assistance from the T-1A crew, Rake 92, after losing contact with the helicopter approximately 10 miles northwest of College Station, Texas. Rake 92 maneuvered to the

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-Maj. John Roden
86th Flying Training Wing

helicopter's last known location and began a search of the area. They located the helicopter, made contact with its crew and relayed the information to the center.

"You could hear it in his (the helicopter pilot's) voice that he was glad to hear from us," said Roden. "Our sortie was for instructor proficiency. Well, the incident showed capabilities of the T-1 that we don't get to practice except in real world situations.

The T-1A Jayhawk is a medium-range,

twin-engine jet trainer. Air Education and Training Command uses it to train student pilots to fly airlift or tanker aircraft. The swept-wing T-1A is a version of the Beech 400A. The T-1A differs from its commercial counterpart with a single-point refueling system with greater capacity and increased bird strike protection in the windshield and leading edges for sustained low-level operation.

At its introduction in January 1992, the Jayhawk represented the first new training aircraft procured by the Air Force in 30 years and marked the beginning of a new era in undergraduate pilot training. The T-1A is used at all undergraduate pilot training bases: Laughlin; Columbus AFB, Miss.; and Vance AFB, Okla. It is also used at Randolph AFB, Texas, to train instructor pilots.

Commanders Corner

Retreat ceremony deserves respect

By 1st Lt. Angela O'Connell
47th Flying Training Wing Public Affairs Officer

It's 4:59 p.m. and you've managed to take six steps away from the front door when suddenly, from off in the distance, you hear the beginnings of retreat. At first, you curse yourself for having forgotten it was almost 5 p.m. and not made an effort to leave the office earlier. Then, you begin to think of clever tactics to avoid standing there.

The first and seemingly most viable option is to attempt the standing long jump from the sidewalk back to the safety of the building, or you could run the 500-yard dash to your vehicle. Of course, hoping no one sees you.

I see these Olympic events daily at the sound of retreat on our installation.

Many say it is simply a matter of time. In today's society, we are in a hurry to get everywhere and once we get there, we are usually in a hurry to leave. In this case, retreat simply becomes another reason that you are getting home late or sitting in traffic.

The protocol officer tells me that the entire retreat ceremony takes approximately two minutes out of your day. This is a small amount of time considering the importance of retreat. It is your opportunity to pay your respects to the men and women who have served their country.

Several members also wonder why we even carry on the old and outdated tradition of retreat. Why not just leave the flag flying? Where did it come from anyway?

The retreat ceremony "signals the end of the official duty day and serves as a ceremony for paying re-

spect to the flag," according to Air Force Manual 36-2203, Drill and Ceremonies.

The bugle call of retreat dates back to the crusades and was first used by the French Army. "Retreat was sounded at sunset to notify sentries to start challenging until sunrise, and to tell the rank and file to go to their quarters," according to the protocol manual "Til Wheels Are Up!"

During the 18th century, retreat was a daily occurrence, not to honor the flag, but as a signal for units to make a roll call as a final accounting before reveille in the morning, according to "Til Wheels Are Up!"

This ceremony dates back many years and really should bring a sense of pride. You are a member of an elite team, the U.S. military, which has been entrusted with the responsibility of maintaining the ideals that our flag represents.

The flag has flown proudly over many battlefields and seen victory as well as defeat. All of this in the name of freedom. Each time the national anthem plays,

think of the men and women who have died for the ideals of our nation. We are part of a long tradition and should be proud to be part of such a rich heraldry.

Others lack of respect for the ceremony stems from lack of knowledge of the proper procedures. This is perhaps where we have failed as a service in training our members properly but, it is a simple procedure and you can all be pros after reading

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(U.S. Air Force photo)

Air Force security forces members lower the flag in a retreat ceremony. The retreat ceremony is a time honored tradition signaling the end of the duty day.

this article.

At the first sound of retreat, face the flag or the sound of the music if the flag is not visible, and stand at parade rest. When you see the flag being lowered or hear the national anthem or "To the Colors," come to attention and salute. Hold the salute until the music ends, according to "Til Wheels Are Up!"

If you are a civilian, you should stand at attention and put your right hand over your heart. Vehicles should stop during the ceremony with passengers sitting quietly, according to "Til Wheels Are Up!"

Now that you understand the rich history, meaning and procedures of the retreat ceremony, there's no excuse to become an Olympic athlete at 5 p.m. Stand tall and be proud while we honor the many men and women of the past and present. Show that all of the hard work has not been forgotten and will carry on for generations to come.

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– 47 FTW motto

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Sight pictures help keep our priorities in order:

Hornburg talks about units setting goals and hitting those targets dead center



A View from the Top



By Gen. Hal Hornburg
AETC commander

I believe the mission statement of Air Education and Training Command should be simple and direct: To replenish the combat capability of our operational Air Force with highly trained and motivated airmen.

Granted, executing this mission is complex, but we should not lose "sight" of the ultimate goal as we work the details. That's why I believe every unit should have a "sight picture." Simply put, it's focusing our eyes on a certain target, then using the machinery and resources at our disposal to hit the target, dead center.

The First Command's sight picture ensures we focus on our priorities – what I call the four "U"s – the United States of America, the United States Air Force, the unit and "you" the individual.

Everything we do must first uphold the oaths we took upon entering the service. We swore to defend our country - not our individual service, base or home - but



Gen. Hornburg

our country. We can never forget this oath. That's why I made it my top priority. We all serve this great country for various reasons, but the sacrifices we make on a daily basis preserve the freedoms enjoyed by an entire nation. If it's not good for the nation, then it's not the right thing to do. Our second priority must be the U.S. Air Force and our core values. Adhering to our core values of integrity first, service before self and excellence in all we do helps us maintain the framework necessary to carry out our responsibility as a premier fighting force. Fundamental and timeless in nature, our core values reach across the entire force.

The unit comes next in the priority list. The best leaders forge an equitable balance between what's best for the unit and what's best for individuals. Even so, leaders occasionally must make tough decisions between

an individual's desires and needs and unit mission requirements. The unit has to come first. Placing individual needs ahead of the mission will ultimately hurt the organization and affect more than just one person. It may not always be the most popular decision, but it will be the right decision.

In addition, commanders at all levels must make sure the burdens are shared as equally as possible and recognized appropriately.

Rounding out my top priorities is "you." Each and every individual is vital to the success of our command and America's Air Force. As members of the First Command, we are the first "blue-suiters" with the Air Force's newest airmen. We recruit them, train and educate them, and then send them into the tough world of deployments, combat and other dangerous situations. America's Air Force is the world's best because of the basic foundation we instill in each new member. Quality airmen-motivated and trained to be the best are our products and, without them, we are irrelevant.

Our Air Force and our nation depend on the quality of the airmen we graduate.

(Courtesy AETC News Service)

Military members receive protection under the UCMJ

By Lt. Col. Laura Battle
347th Wing Staff Judge Advocate

Suppose you are suspected of committing a crime. You've heard the allegation and now you want to know what your rights are and how you can defend yourself. Military members have more rights than they may know under the Uniform Code of Military Justice.

Before the UCMJ, the Articles of War and the Articles for the Government of the Navy were the legal foundation for maintaining discipline. However, this system was vulnerable to manipulation and didn't value the rights of the accused. President Truman signed a law making the UCMJ

effective May 31, 1951.

F. Lee Bailey, a famous civilian criminal defense attorney, once said if he were accused of a crime he would rather be tried in a military court than in any other system of justice because of the protections afforded the military accused.

Many people don't know that as soon as they become a suspect their rights must be read to them before questioning. Article 31 of the UCMJ gave people that right 16 years before the U.S. Supreme Court agreed in a case called "Miranda." The UCMJ provides that military suspects are also entitled to the services of a lawyer at no cost, regardless of rank or economic

The UCMJ provides the strong foundation for discipline that is swift, fair and protective of the rights of accused military people.

level. The U.S. Supreme Court did not guarantee that right to civilians until 12 years later, and only then if the accused could show he was needy.

Military people can ask to be represented by a military attorney anywhere in the world and, provided they are reasonably available, they will defend the mem-

ber. The Area Defense Counsel is available to help people facing all types of disciplinary or adverse actions as well as face under criminal charges.

The base ADC does not work for the staff judge advocate, nor does the installation commander rate him or her.

The ADC reports to a separate chain of command to maintain autonomy. While the SJA at a base typically nominates a judge advocate to serve as the ADC, higher headquarters actually selects the ADC with input from the numbered Air Force, major command and chief circuit defense counsel at Bolling Air Force Base, Washington.

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Actionline Call 298-5351

This column is one way to work through problems that haven't been solved through normal channels. By leaving your name and phone number, you are assured of a timely personal reply. It's also very useful in case more information is needed in order to pursue your inquiry. If you give your name, we will make every attempt to ensure confidentiality when appropriate.

If your question relates to the general interest of the people of Laughlin, the question and answer may also be printed in the *Border Eagle*. Before you call the Actionline, please try to work the problem out through the normal chain of command or directly with the base agency involved.

Thanks for your cooperation and I look forward to reading some quality ideas and suggestions.



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47th Flying Training Wing commander

Softball field usage...

Call: I am a dependent female spouse who plays softball. Not to find a base-sponsored intramural team for females, and not wanting to play the bench on a male-sponsored team, I am part of over twenty women who found a local league to play on. We are all dependent spouses. We were kicked off of the practice field and told that we would not be able to reserve the field during the intramural season. So, you know what a slap in the face that is when I looked at the base intramural roster and saw that team of contract workers that are permitted to play on fields that are part of the services system that should be for military members and their spouses. We are the members that do not always choose this assignment but attempt to make the best of it. The base should have done more to provide us a practice field.

Response: Babe Ruth Field is for games only, and is not available for practices. The practice field, Liberty Field, is available for reservations. Intramural teams have

priority Monday through Friday. If the field is not reserved by 3 p.m., it is open on a first-come, first-serve basis. On Saturday and Sunday, any softball team meeting the criteria in AFI 34-266, which states, "the installation commander determines participation which may include active duty, reservist assigned to base units, adult family members, Department of Defense civilians (including NAF employees), base contract personnel and foreign nationals," may reserve the field. All reservations are maintained at the XL Fitness Center, 5251. A program is in place for individuals to initiate a base varsity team comprised of males, females, or both. Base varsity teams are authorized to reserve the practice field during the week. The only restriction is the team must be open to the entire base. However, teams choosing not to participate in the intramural league or not wishing to start a varsity team are authorized to use the field. We are sorry that your practice needs were not met. There is no reason why your team should not be allowed to use the base practice field. Please contact the Fitness Center for a reservation.

OSI agents help capture Milwaukee bombing suspect

By Capt. Mike Richmond

Air Force Office of Special Investigations Public Affairs

Agents from the Air Force Office of Special Investigations helped point the FBI to the suspect arrested July 20 for allegedly leaving two deadly pipe bombs on a National Guard base at Mitchell International Airport in Milwaukee.

Andy Chirigotis and Jeff Fleshman, both Reserve special agents whose territorial duties include the Milwaukee guard base, were part of the FBI-led task force that responded to the incident July 19.

According to Special Agent Tom Wolverton, director of AFOSI Region 3, Operating Location B, Robins Air Force Base, Ga., Chirigotis and Fleshman conferred with other members of the task force and suggested an approach that produced a list of three prime suspects. The man arrested the next day was one of the three on the list.

While the nature of the approach is protected information, Wolverton said the agents' input was invaluable.

"Suffice to say our guys were right on target with their profile," Wolverton said, "and a suspect is now in custody."

FBI agents arrested Milan S. Mititch of Milwaukee the morning of July 20 outside his apartment following an all-night stakeout. Once the apartment was swept by an FBI Special Weapons and Tactics team and declared safe by a bomb team, Chirigotis and Fleshman aided evidence-collection efforts and conducted neighborhood interviews.

Mititch, a former Wisconsin Army National Guard helicopter pilot, was charged in federal court later that day

with attempting to blow up government property and attempting to place a destructive device close to aircraft.

Chirigotis said the FBI took the lead in the investigation because of its responsibility for investigating domestic terrorism. Bureau agents, however, immediately welcomed Chirigotis and Fleshman as partners on the task force, asking the OSI agents to serve as the task force's liaison for all military matters.

"It's not always ideal when different agencies work a case together, but in this case the FBI was more than gracious, and it's been great working with them," Chirigotis said. "They welcomed the OSI openly as full team members. It's been a very rewarding experience."

Fleshman said the instant cooperation was largely attributable to a year-old OSI initiative that created a new unit specifically aimed at supporting Reserve bases and co-located Guard bases. Since completing the stand-up in April 1999, seven full-time agents and 17 Reserve agents assigned to the new unit have built relationships within the investigative organizations surrounding those bases. The relationships, Fleshman said, paid off in Milwaukee.

"Being a known player in the community helped greatly," Fleshman said. "We didn't have to introduce ourselves or start from scratch with who we are and what we can do. The relationship was already there; the trust was there."

It was that relationship with the Milwaukee-based FBI agents that helped lead to the identification of a suspect — one who left very few clues — in just a matter of hours, Fleshman said.

"It was no accident that things went so smoothly," Fleshman said. "The new program worked exactly as it was supposed to in this case."

Following the arrest of Mititch, Chirigotis and Fleshman engaged in searches, conducted interviews, and collected evidence.

"Anything we could provide to help gather evidence and develop suspects, that's what we had to offer the task force," Chirigotis said.

Other agencies on the task force included the Milwaukee Police Department, the Milwaukee Sheriffs Department, the 440th Security Forces Squadron and the 128th Security Forces Squadron.

(Courtesy AFNEWS)

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-Andy Chirigotis

Reserve Special Agent,

Air Force Office of Special Investigations

Coworkers save lieutenant's life

By Senior Master Sgt.

Becky Teasdale

1st Fighter Wing Public Affairs,
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One thought the lieutenant was joking around, the other thought he was simply irritated. Both said it took only seconds, however, to realize there was something seriously wrong when 2nd Lt. Michael Turner stopped breathing.

Master Sgts. Dave Griner and Bernie Chicoine, 10th Intelligence Squadron, were discussing a manning

change and Turner was reading his e-mail when the NCOs saw the lieutenant suddenly freeze up July 11.

"In the very first seconds, we actually thought he was making a gesture joking about something," Griner said. "Just a split-second later I said to Sergeant Chicoine that something was wrong. He was totally normal, then totally frozen. I've never seen anything like that before in my life."

According to others in the office, Turner was breathing heavily and his

eyes were very large. Chicoine hurried to Turner's side asking if he was all right, but Turner didn't respond.

"At that point I asked Sergeant Griner to call 911, but I think he was already on the phone," Chicoine said. "He (Turner) was sliding out of his chair so I helped him so he wouldn't hit his head."

Master Sgt. Jose Marquez said he was in another office when an airman

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Cohen briefs Senate on national missile defense

By Jim Garamone

American Forces Press Service

A limited national missile defense would prevent nuclear blackmail against the United States and could "enhance deterrence and improve stability," Defense Secretary William S. Cohen said July 25.

Cohen, testifying before the Senate Armed Services Committee, said the proliferation of long-range ballistic missiles and weapons of mass destruction are increasing challenges to U.S. national security.

"Our goal," he said, "is to provide protection to the American people against irresponsible nations, to prevent them from putting the United States in a position of being blackmailed and precluding us from taking action to defend our own national security interests."

He said the threat these weapons pose is "substantial," and that even the Russians have admitted this. He said Iran, Iraq and Libya are working on building a long-range capability.

He also said that while the United States is encouraged by the results of the recent summit of North and South Korea, "one summit doesn't change a tiger into a domestic cat."

Cohen said the United States needs to see actions from North Korea and not just words. They have tested an intercontinental-range missile and could build more, he said.

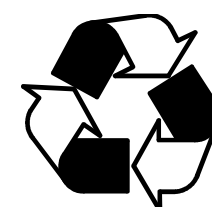
Cohen is reviewing the program and will make a recommendation to President Clinton in August on whether to proceed with the limited National Missile Defense program. Intelligence officials see the ICBM threat from "states of concern" emerging by 2005. For a defense system to be in place by then, construction must begin this year.

Of the last three tests of the land-based system, only one was successful. Cohen said he is taking this into consideration as he prepares his recommendation to the president. He said the system now is "possible" rather than feasible. "You ... would want to have something that ... you can reliably count on to work," he said.

The current estimated \$20.3 billion cost of the National Missile Defense system through fiscal 2007 would cover 100 interceptors and radars in Alaska, Britain and Greenland. Of that cost, \$5.7 billion was appropriated prior to fiscal 2001.

Cohen noted that having radars in Britain and Greenland make it imperative to have allied cooperation. He told the senators he is working with his counterparts and is discussing the threat and the NMD response.

(Courtesy AFNEWS)



Recycle...

Laughlin prepares for AETC ORI inspectors

By Lt. Col. Barbara Stewart

47th Flying Training Wing inspector general

Across the base, people continue to prepare for the upcoming inspection.

With a little more than two weeks left now, it is the time to ensure your final game plan is ready to greet the inspectors. Self-inspections should be completed with active follow-up actions in progress. Air Force Regulation 90-201, AETC SUP 1, Attachment 9 should be reviewed as it provides the criteria inspectors will use and breakdown while evaluating areas.

Your Unit Self Inspection Monitor has copies of crossfeed inspection reports from other bases. Give your

monitor a call and make sure you read those inspection areas pertinent to your job, functional area, as well as the general items and the special interest items.

You can rest assured these areas will receive the same emphasis here. Be familiar with our last inspection results, and particularly alert to previous deficiencies—avoid the “repeat write up.”

The inspection begins the moment the inspectors arrive. Ensure you put your best efforts into personal appearance, customs and courtesies, housekeeping and Air Force standards. Remember, you only get one chance to make a first impression – make it your best!

Thoroughly plan and practice a walk-through inspec-

tion. Determine what you want the inspectors to see and what you want to say. List the strong points, self-help projects and anything else you want to impress on the inspector.

Also, list all the discrepancies you are aware of and point these out as well as your planned and ongoing corrective actions. Schedule a time for your supervisor to see your walk-through; you’ll get the practice and another set of eyes and ears to review your plans.

The men and women of the 47th FTW are committed to a single mission. Let’s work together and do our best to ensure the inspectors leave here agreeing with us that Laughlin is the “best little base in Texas.”

ORI coming to Laughlin

By Lt. Col.

Barbara Stewart

47th Flying Training Wing inspector general

Yes, we are receiving a compliance Operational Readiness Inspection, using yes/no checklists. So what do all the acronyms mean and who participates?

The ORI evaluates a unit’s management of assigned resources and performance of assigned mission. The inspection will include an evaluation of all phases of command, leadership, management and administration. The bottom line: the ORI evaluates a unit’s capability to accomplish assigned peacetime and wartime missions effectively and safely in support of Air Force and other major air commands or MAJCOMS.

The Contracted Support Activity Inspection will assess the contractor’s compliance with the statement of work and performance work statement.

The Operation’s Group, will receive an Aircrew Standardization/Evaluation conducted by 19 Air Force inspectors who will evaluate instructor pilots, while the AETC/IG will inspect the student training mission. Additionally, the Air Traffic Control and Tower personnel will receive an Air Traffic System Evaluation Program inspection by the AETC Air Operations Squadron.

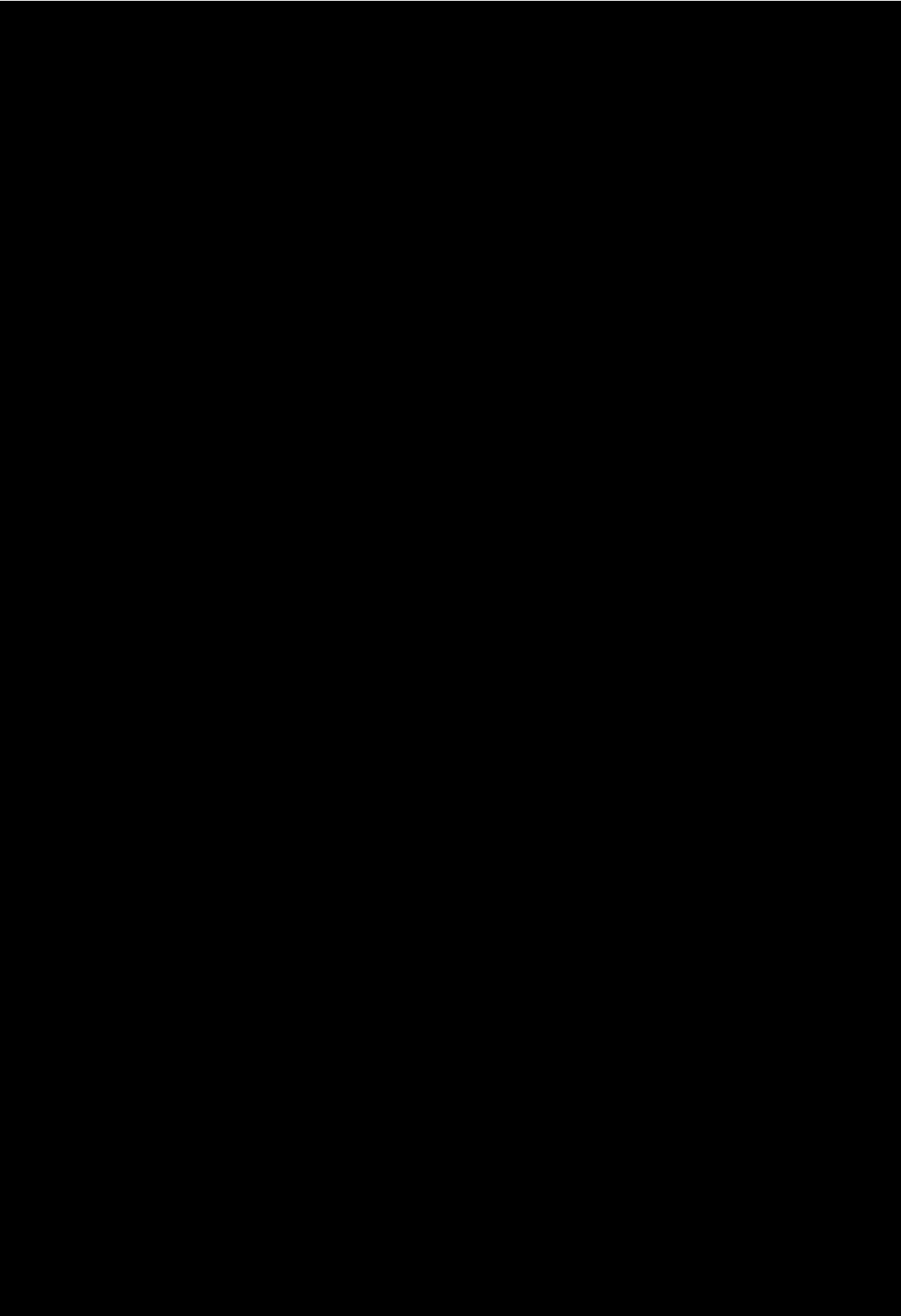
Everyone at Laughlin may have an opportunity to participate and respond to exercise Threat conditions or Threatcons, which identify the threat of possible terrorist activity against Air Force Assets. Family members in the base housing area should tune in to the commander’s access channel for changes to Threat level.

A Major Accident Response Exercise is another opportunity for Security Forces, Medical Group, Fire Department, Services and a host of others to demonstrate how well they can meet the challenge of a major mishap.

For those of you on mobility, a deployment order may give several, if not all of our UTCs the opportunity to process through a mobility Processing line “bag drag” and some will get to go to a local exercise area. Anyone on a mobility position, primary or alternate may get to play, so be prepared—make sure your ID card, identification tags, shot record and DD Form 93, Record of Emergency Data are up to date and you have a current Military Leave and Earnings Statement.

A large number of individual functional areas will receive a compliance “paper” inspection in their unit. For a preview, take a look at the last Laughlin inspection report – April 1998. Yes, we will be very busy the two weeks of Aug. 21 – Sept. 1. Expect to see 40 plus vehicles arrive mid-morning on Aug. 20, from Randolph Air Force Base, ready to inbrief and begin inspecting. Now is the time to prepare. Review your checklists, give your work area a good dusting, take a look in the mirror and prepare to put your best foot forward.

Whether it’s the functional ORI compliance look, CSAI, readiness exercise, Security Forces terrorist scenario, Air Crew STAN/EVAL check ride, or the Air Traffic System Evaluation, there will be something for everyone. Let’s show the AETC Inspector General Team how well we do our mission at Laughlin.



How divorce affects military members

By Captain Lucy Carrillo

47th Flying Traing Wing Judge
Adovacate General Office

While nobody likes to contemplate getting divorced, there are several issues that are unique to military members and their spouses.

These are the division of military retired pay, commissary/exchange privileges and medical benefits for former spouses.

The Uniformed Services Former Spouses' Protection Act

Before 1982, military retirement pay was not subject to division between spouses upon the dissolution of the marriage. This often resulted in the member receiving all of the retirement pay, while the ex-spouses of the retired military member received none of it. A court decision in 1982, in which the court recognized the plight of many ex-spouses of retired military members, prompted Congress to enact the Uniformed Services Former Spouses' Protection Act. USFSPA allows a state court to divide disposable military retirement pay between the member and the spouse, if the court decides to do so. Disposable military retirement pay is the member's monthly retired pay minus qualified deductions, such as certain disability compensation.

USFSPA does not set any limits on the amount of retirement pay that can be awarded to a spouse. Courts are only required to make an "equitable" or fair distribution. Because every case will have different facts, what is equitable or fair in each divorce may differ. The court may, depending upon the facts, award the ex-spouse anywhere from zero to more than fifty percent of the military retirement pay.

The facts the court looks at are the length of the marriage and the number of years that coincide with military service, however, there is no magic formula that courts use to decide. Essentially, courts determine how to divide the military retired pay the same way they divide all other marital property.

If a court does award a division of military retired pay, the former spouse may be able to receive the payment directly from the military pay center. This relieves

the former spouse from relying on their ex-spouse for payment. Direct payment is available if the marriage lasted at least ten years during which the military member performed retirement-creditable service. The direct payment is limited to fifty percent of the retirement pay. The court is not limited to awarding fifty percent, but the member must pay anything exceeding fifty percent to the former spouse.

The 20/20/20 Rule

Former spouses are entitled to commissary, exchange, theatre and space available medical care only if they meet the following requirements of the 20/20/20 Rule:

- The parties were married for at least 20 years.
- The member performed at least 20 years of service creditable for retired pay.
- There was at least a 20-year overlap of the marriage and the military service.

However, once a former spouse remarries, all privileges terminate. The privileges can be reinstated once the disqualifying marriage is also terminated, but medical care will not be reinstated. Also, medical care is not authorized under the 20/20/20 rule if the former spouse is covered by another health care plan, such as employer-sponsored health care.

The 20/20/15 Rule

Full medical benefits (only) for one year from date of divorce are available to former spouses if they meet the following requirements of the 20/20/15 rule:

- The parties were married for at least 20 years.
- The member performed at least 20 years of service creditable service for retired pay.
- There was at least a 15-year overlap of the marriage and the military service.
- If a former spouse is enrolled in an employer sponsored health plan, no medical benefits are authorized and remarriage terminates this benefit.

If you have any questions on divorce and benefits for former spouses, come up to the legal office Tuesdays from 3 to 4 p.m., and Thursdays from 8 to 9 p.m. or call 298-5172 to set up an appointment with an attorney.



Photo by Trina Ezernack

CDC re-opens!

(Left) Kat Savage, Barbara Bukowski, Bobbie Goodwin, Col. Skip Scott, 47th Flying Training Wing commander, his wife Kathy Scott and Chief Master Sgt. Randy Crist, 47 FTW command chief master sergeant, cut a ribbon to celebrate the grand re-opening of the Child Development Center Monday. Three new rooms were added to the CDC, along with a room to accomodat newborns 6 weeks old and older. The kitchen of the establishment was also totally renovated.

Texas sales tax holiday August 4-6

Texans will get a break from state and most local sales taxes Aug. 4 – 6 – the state's second annual tax holiday.

The Texas Legislature exempted most clothing and footwear priced under \$100 from sales and use taxes, which could save shoppers about \$8 on every \$100 that they spend.

For information on how to report tax on these sales, please visit our website at www.window.state.tx.us, or call toll free at 1-800-252-5555.



‘Adviser’ from page 1

Air National Guard or Air Force Reserves where they can retain some of their benefits.

“Some people come into the Air Force under a general category, which makes them available for a variety of career fields. Subsequently, they may be placed in a job they don’t particularly like,”

‘UCMJ’ from page 3

D.C., who supervises the base ADC.

People charged with a crime that could result in a general court-martial are entitled to be present when an impartial officer investigates the case. Civilians facing a grand jury indictment do not have such a right. Nor do civilians have the same strict speedy trial standards as the military. The government generally must try a military accused within 120 days. Similarly, commanders who intend to impose nonjudicial punishment are accountable for acting swiftly, within mandated time standards.

These economies exist so commanders can maintain discipline and so people do not have potential punishment hanging over their heads for a long time. Finally, people sentenced by a court-martial automatically receive appellate review. A free appellate counsel is assigned to review the case, ensuring none of the person’s rights were violated at trial.

The foregoing examples don’t make an exhaustive list of the protections secured by the UCMJ and the American military justice process. This is just the tip of a judicial system that offers such scrupulous attention to the rights of an accused person.

George Washington said, “Discipline is the soul of an army.” The UCMJ provides the strong foundation for discipline that is swift, fair and protective of the rights of accused military people.

**Courtesy of Air Combat
Command News Service**

explained Bowersox. “If this is the case, we can look into cross-training and see what can be worked out.”

The career enlisted adviser position provides airmen a source of information on their careers. It has also been designed to give airmen a sounding board to express problems concerning their career

field. “I think it will definitely help to improve several quality of life issues,” said Bowersox. “I will consolidate feedback from those that visit my office. That way, we will be able to take a look at why some people are getting out and try to remedy this problem.

Bowersox said he is ready to foster a mentoring attitude in the

units to encourage supervisors, first shirts and commanders to mentor airmen on Air Force opportunities.

“I want to stay highly visible,” he. “I don’t want airmen to be afraid to approach me – I’m here to help. It will be a nice challenge and a great way for me to serve the enlisted corps here at Laughlin.”

The office of the CAA will be in the Enlisted Heritage Center.

Though the program is not currently up and running, members can contact Bowersox at 6302 for more information.



**Conserve
water**

Replace washers in
leaky faucets



From the Blotter

(From July 25-31)



- An individual reported clothing items were taken from the laundry room at the enlisted dorms. The estimated cost of the missing items was \$150.
- Security forces responded to an argument at the enlisted dorms. Seven individuals were transported to the law enforcement desk and were released to their first sergeants.
- An unknown individual reported a vehicle accident. Witnesses stated a vehicle disobeyed a stop sign at the intersection of Liberty Dr. and Arnold Blvd. and struck the other vehicle. The combined damage was estimated at \$9,000.
- Improper backing caused an accident at Bldg. #100. Damages consisted of two small dents to the driver side door of the vehicle.
- Improper backing caused an accident at the base Commissary parking lot. A vehicle was pulling out of a slot and struck another vehicle on the front bumper. No

estimate was available.

- Inattentive driving caused an accident adjacent to the base gas station. Damages consisted of the entire front end of the vehicle pushed in. The other vehicle had minor scratches along with a broken license plate light.

- A civilian was detained for attempting to leave the scene of an alarm activation at the Automatic Teller Machine located by the Fiesta Center. Individual was removed from the base.

Tip of the week: Inattentive driving could kill you. Ensure you concentrate on the road and your surroundings while operating a motor vehicle. Most accidents happen within 5 miles of your home and at low speeds. Taking your eyes off of the road even for a few seconds could result in serious bodily harm or death.

Visit this site for driving tips: <http://www.enconnect.net/greengrl/laws.htm>.

Question of the week

What area of your life would you improve if you had the time and resources?



"I would take time off and travel through Asia."

2nd Lt. Brian Nazarian
47th Civil Engineer Squadron



"I would spend more quality time with my family."

Tech Sgt. J.C. Richard
47th Security Forces Squadron



"I would go back to school and finish my bachelor's degree."

Staff Sgt. Pedro Rivero
47th Comptroller Flight



"I would play more sports and do more recreational programs."

Oscar Bocanegra
47th Mission Support Squadron

Where are they now?

Name: Maj. Richard F. Kelly.
Class/Date of graduation from Laughlin: Class 89-12, July, 1989.
Aircraft you now fly and base you are stationed at: C-17, Charleston AFB.
Mission of your aircraft? Tactical Airlift.
What do you like most about your current aircraft? Traveling around the world and back and the C-17's capabilities.
What do you dislike most about your current aircraft? Going on temporary

duty assignments at a moments notice. It's hard on the wife and kids.
What was the most important thing you learned at Laughlin besides learning to fly? Try your best at all you do.
What is your most memorable experience from Laughlin? Having a good time at the Lake with my class. Late nights in Mexico.
What advice would you give SUPT students at Laughlin? Study hard, fly your best, and have a good time!



(Air Force photo of a C-17)

'Save' from page 4

"ran into the shop and hollered out that the lieutenant had fallen on the floor."
Marquez, who's been a cardiopulmonary resuscitation and self-aid and buddy care instructor for about 15 years, arrived in the office to find Chicoine checking the lieutenant's vital signs and Griner on the phone calling for help.
"He was fading pretty fast. A few seconds later he just stopped breathing," Marquez said.
Marquez gave Turner mouth-to-mouth resuscitation and they were preparing to start chest compressions when the lieutenant took a deep gulp of air and started breathing on his own. Although his eyes were open, Turner didn't regain consciousness.
"His eyes were wide open, but he wasn't with us," Marquez said.
"One of the things that was pretty critical in my mind was that

when the 911 call went in the fire department trucks were here immediately," Griner said. "Even though they are right down the road, I remember being impressed with the response time."
Marquez, who has used his skills to save a life before, says the way everyone worked together speaks highly for Air Force training.
"There was no time to think about anything," he said. "Each of us has probably had CPR (training) 18 times in our career, if not more, and it just worked like clockwork."
He added that interest in first aid and CPR training has shot up in his unit. "Everybody wants me to teach them CPR now; one asked for a one-on-one CPR class," he said.
The lieutenant is undergoing tests at the Naval Medical Center Portsmouth, Va.

Fraud, Waste and Abuse

Preventing Fraud, Waste and Abuse is everyone's job! If you know or suspect FWA, call the FWA Hotline, Ext. 4170, or call the Inspector General office, 5638.

Master Sergeant

10 base members join senior noncommissioned officer ranks



Tech. Sgt. Christopher Clauser
PCSD



Tech. Sgt. Morris Coleman
47th Mission Support Squadron



Tech. Sgt. David R. Doan
47th Operations Support Squadron



Tech. Sgt. David R. Fisher
47 MSS



Master Sgt. James Flower
PCSD (STEP promotee)



Tech. Sgt. Billy E. Mathis
47th Civil Engineer Squadron



Tech. Sgt. William Mayo, Jr.
47th Services Division



Tech. Sgt. James T. Moon
47th Flying Training Wing



Tech. Sgt. David A. Morrison
47th Medical Support Squadron



Tech. Sgt. Verna J. Weinand
47 MDSS



Air Force Aid Society offers help to needy members

By Tech Sgt. Amy Urban
Family Support Center

Established in 1942, the Air Force Aid Society is the official charity of the Air Force.

In response to General Henry Arnold's concern that members of his Army Air Forces faced unique hardships in World War II, he wanted a national organization which could provide emergency assistance to family members of war victims and assure the availability of educational assistance to those families.

Today, the AFAS has expanded into a worldwide emergency assistance network assisting countless members of the Air Force community. Its charter is to promote the Air Force Mission by helping to relieve the distress of Air Force members and their families and assist in financial aspects of their education.

The basic philosophy of AFAS assistance is to meet immediate needs in an emergency situation as a step toward a lasting solution to a problem.

The AFAS is always available to assist in times of emergency, moving expenses, essential transportation and many other scenarios.

Programs offered by the AFAS are explained below:

Interest free loans/grants are available for emergencies such as funeral expenses, dental expenses not covered by Air Force, basic living expenses, travel expenses, vehicle repair and disaster relief. One on one counseling is conducted and a simple application form is filled out.

AFAS Headquarters may be contacted for further approval if extenuating circumstances exist.

If AFAS criteria can't be met, a referral to an appropriate help-

ing agency will be made. The loan is repaid through an allotment over a reasonable time period.

Car Care Because We Care offers any active duty member going on a temporary duty assignment for 30 days or more and a spouse of a member who is on a remote assignment a free safety check and oil/filter change. This is also given to first term airmen attending the first term Airmen Course and E-4s and below who attend the Personal Financial Management Program.

Moving Assistance Program assists with moving expenses through an interest free loan above what is paid through the Air Force.

Nursing Moms Program (O-2, O-1 and E-6 - E-1) provides grants for up to 6 months breast pump rental or half the purchase price up to \$150 for families enrolled in Family Advocacy's "First

Time Parent's Program."

ChildCare for Volunteers enhances and expands participation of Laughlin's volunteers by paying their childcare during the time they are volunteering. The family day care and volunteer coordinators and certified home day care providers work together on this.

Give Parents a Break offers eligible parents a few hours break from the stresses of parenting. AFAS will pay the Child Development Center for services provided.

Child Care for PCS Program targets E-5s and below. Up to 20 hours childcare (per child) for families PCSing within 30 days of departure or arrival. Certified Family Care providers are to be used (not the Child Development Center) for this program.

General Henry Arnold Educational Grant is for tuition, books

and fees. Competitive in nature, award selection is based on criteria such as enrollment status, grade point average and demonstrated need. Applications are accepted Nov. 1 - March 24 every year.

Phone Home Program (new) provides prepaid calling cards for deployed Air Force members, to include single and married service members when deployed for 30 days or more. Members going on a remote tour are not eligible for this program.

If you, or someone you know (who is active duty, family member or recently retired from active duty) needs assistance, call the Family Support Center at 298-5109 during duty hours, the Command Post 298-5167 after duty hours or 703-0720 on weekends and after duty hours (cell phone).

Swimming helps beat the heat

The hottest months are here and so is the need to stay cool.

Many people take their children to the local pool or Lake Amistad this time of year.

Swimming is a great way to beat the heat, but it also poses a common medical risk- swimmer's ear.

Swimmer's ear is characterized by itchy ears, ear pain, or a feeling that an ear is plugged while swimming. The ear canals are not meant to be wet. When water gets trapped in the ear canals, the lining becomes swollen and prone to infection.

The key to preventing this from happening to children is to keep their ears dry when they are

out of the water. After swimming get all of the water out of the ear canals by turning the head side to side and pulling their earlobes in different directions. Dry the opening of the ear canal carefully.

Hopefully, these tips will keep children free from swimmer's ear and help them have a safe and enjoyable summer.

AWANA program seeks participation, leadership

The Approved Workmen Are Not Ashamed program is an international, nondenominational, Bible-centered youth organization providing weekly programs for three-year-olds through sixth grade.

The acrostic AWANA comes from the first letters of Approved Workmen Are Not Ashamed (2 Tim 2:15). This program is sponsored by the Laughlin Base Chapel to teach children about God, Jesus and the Holy Spirit.

AWANA is built upon four main objectives. The first objective is *evangelism* - to reach as many boys and girls as possible with the Gospel. Second, it is for *education* - to teach club members about the Word of God. Thirdly, it is to *train* children and adults how to spread the Gospel to others. The fourth objective is *outreach* - to reach the families of clubbers and into the community.

The weekly AWANA Club consists of three main parts during each meeting:

■ **Council time** – Bible learning through stories and song.

Announcements and awards are presented at this time.

■ **Handbook time** – The child recites to the leader those verses he/she has worked on throughout the week.

■ **Game time** – A period of fun, competitive team sports to promote good sportsmanship and encouragement.

The AWANA Club meets at the Laughlin Base Chapel each Wednesday night at 6:00 p.m. The game time portion of the club is accomplished in the XL Fitness Center. A nursery is

provided for the children of our club Leaders. The older children are assigned to smaller clubs under the AWANA umbrella based on their age and/or grade in school.

■ **Cubbies** – children between 3 and 4 years old.

■ **Sparks** - Kindergarten through 2nd grade.

■ **Pals** – Boys 3rd through 4th grade.

■ **Pioneers** – Boys 5th through 6th grade.

■ **Chums** – Girls 3rd through 4th grade.

■ **Guards** – Girls 5th through 6th grade.

AWANA ends at 7:30 p.m. Older children are dismissed promptly at that time, but for the safety of the Cubbies and Sparks, they must be picked up in person by their parent or another adult.

The AWANA year begins Sept. 13 and concludes May 23. Our prayer is to make AWANA a positive experience for Laughlin and the community children. We highly encourage parents to observe and/or participate with us anytime. The more adult helpers we have, the more personalized the program becomes.

AWANA leader's training will be on Sept. 3 and Sept. 10 in the base Chapel Fellowship Hall from 6:00 to 7:30 p.m. We encourage any adult or teenager interested in supporting this exciting program to attend these training sessions.

Any questions or concerns can be answered by contacting the Chaplain (Maj.) Frank Hamilton at 5111.

Get more information about your Air Force every Wednesday at:
<http://www.af.mil/newspaper>

United States Air Force
 **ONLINE news**

Red Cross Corps Across Texas seeks young adults

The Corps Across Texas, sponsored by the American Red Cross and funded by an AmeriCorps grant, is the foremost young adult disaster service corps in the state. Fifty-five team members serve full-time at many Red Cross chapters in Texas, including San Antonio.

Members help communities to prepare for disasters by providing family disaster education and emergency assistance to victims of small local disasters and larger disasters within the state of Texas.

The benefits of serving in the Corps Across Texas include receiving a living stipend, extensive training, health care coverage and an educational award in the amount of \$4,725 upon successful completion of the program year and hours.

Those interested in participating must be available full-time, in-

cluding weekends and evening hours. They must also be interested in teaching and training, have at least one year prior volunteer experience, possess a current and valid driver's license, demonstrate professionalism and initiative, be at least 18 years old with high school diploma or GED and be a U.S. citizen or legal permanent resident.

Those interested in applying for a Corps Across Texas position with the San Antonio Area Chapter should submit a resume to Movetia Hagarty, American Red Cross, San Antonio Area Chapter, 3642 E. Houston St., San Antonio, TX 78219.

Resumes may also be faxed and emailed. The fax number is (210) 226-9973 or send email to hagarty@usa.redcross.org.

For more information, call the Corps Across Texas at (210) 2245151, ext. 245.



Photo by Master Sgt. Glenn Wilkewitz

Dogfight!

Selfridge Air National Guard Base held its biennial air show honoring Korean War veterans. It also featured F-86s and Mig-15s engaged in mock air combat in the Michigan skies. The event included displays of 90 planes on the ground and in the air from all of the service.

The *XLer*

Hometown: Baltimore, Md.

Family: Wife, Nuzhat; two great Kids; Rabab, 4 1/2 years old, Sohail, 1 year, 8 months old.

Time at Laughlin: 2 years.

Time in service: 2 years.

Why did you join the Air Force family? To contribute and make the Air Force culturally richer.

Name one way to improve life at Laughlin: We need more children's recreational activities.

Greatest accomplishment: Saving a patient's life.

Bad habit: Bad writing.

Motto: Work hard! Nothing is impossible to achieve!

Favorite food, beverage: Shrimp and tea.

If you could spend one hour with an historical figure, who would it be and why? Gandhi. I admire his principles and determination.



Photo by Amanda Stewart

Dr. (Capt.) Karrar Husain
47th Medical Group

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Chapel Schedule

Catholic

-Daily Mass Monday/ Thursday, 12:05 p.m. Tuesday/Wednesday, 6:30 a.m.

-Saturday Vigil Mass 5 p.m.

-Sunday Mass 9:30 a.m.

-Confession 4:15 - 4:45 p.m. Saturday, or by appointment.

-Choir 6 p.m. Thursdays.

-Sunday school 11 a.m., religious education building.

Protestant

-General worship 11 a.m.

Chapel Youth Group

-Thursday, 7 p.m. Chapel Fellowship Hall.

Religious education

-Little Rock Scripture Study in Chapel Fellowship Hall, Sunday, 11 a.m.

Jewish

Max Stool
219 West Strickland St.
Del Rio, Texas
Phone: 775-4519

For more information on chapel events and services, call 5111.

Base member, partner take first at rodeo

By Airman 1st Class
Brad Pettit
Editor

A member of the base Ride For The Brand Rodeo Team and his partner recently won first place in the team roping event at the Professional Armed Forces Rodeo Association co-sanctioned rodeo.

Staff Sgt. Al Hayatt, Air Force reservist and employee of LCSAM, and Rob Shilakis of the Burning Sands Rodeo Team, Cannon AFB, took home the award after finishing with the fastest time in the team roping event.

"We are really glad," said Hayatt. "We get to go to the world finals. I don't really know how to describe how I feel, but this is where the best in the armed

forces show up. You've got to show up and treat this like any other rodeo and get ready for it be preparing and thinking about what you have to do in the rodeo."

Hyatt also won first place in the chute dogging (steer wrestling without the horse) division.

The wins will allow Hayatt and Shilakis to compete in the PAFRA World Finals Rodeo scheduled to take place Sept. 30 through Oct. 1 at the Curry County Fairgrounds in Clovis, N.M.

"All you can do is practice, practice, practice if you want to get everthing down," explained Hayatt. "It is one of those opportunites in life that you really look forward to. It's not often that anyone can attend the world finals. It feels good and I look forward to participating."



Photo by Airman 1st Class Brad Pettit

Hayatt practices team roping at the base stables Wednesday atop his horse Rose. Hayatt and Rose will compete in the team roping event at the PAFRA World Finals Rodeo Sept. 30 through Oct. 1 in Clovis, N.M.

Laughlin Sports

(Standings current as of Tuesday)

Softball

Team	Wins	Losses
CES	7	1
CS/SVS/CONS	6	3
OSS #1	7	1
LCSAM	7	1
LSI	5	2
MDG #2	5	1
*87 FTS	3	4
*SFS	2	6
*EAST, Inc.	3	7
MDG #1	1	7

* Indicates a forfeit

Softball games

Mon.
LCSAM vs CS/SVS/CONS, 7 p.m.
OSS #1 vs MDG #2, 8 p.m.
87 FTS vs SFS, 9 p.m.
Wed.
OSS #1 vs LSI, 7 p.m.
CES vs MDG #2, 8 p.m.

Softball scores

MDG #1, 9, EAST, Inc., 11
CS/SVS/CONS, 6, OSS
#1, 18
MDG #2, 31, SFS, 10

Golf standings

Team	Pts.
Fire Dept.	117.5
OSS	102.5
LCSAM	97
LSI #1	93.5



An Air Force Marathon Warm-Up Run will be held at 7:30 Saturday beginning at the football/soccer complex parking lot. Registration for the event will be held at the football/soccer complex parking lot at 7 a.m. For more information, call Staff Sgt. John Fastinger at 5251.

B-ball!

One of the more popular, and hotly-contested events during the 20th National Veterans Wheelchair Games held recently in San Antonio was wheelchair basketball. Other events at the games included pingpong, wheelchair racing and an airgun marksmanship contest.

Photo by Master Sgt. Dave Nolan

■ The SVS team is the champion of the trap and skeet season.
■ Lt. Col. Jeff Ellis, 87th Flying Training Squadron, had the high average for trap with 19.29.
■ 1st Lt. Murray Robinson, 84th Flying Training Squadron, had the high average for skeet with 20.

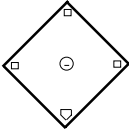
Trap and skeet standings

TEAM	WEEK # 9			WEEK # 10		
	SCORE	TOTAL	PLACE	SCORE	TOTAL	PLACE
47 ADS #1	99	918.50	2	108.50	1027	2
47 ADS #2	103.50	880	3	92.50	972	3
SVS	108.50	930	1	104	1034	1
47 CES	54.50	587.50	6	25	612	6
84 FTS	54.50	696.50	5	47	743.50	5
87 FTS	55.50	833.50	4	58	891.50	4

Sports Safety – Play it

Around the diamond

Coverage of Laughlin's intramural softball league



CES - 30, MDG #1 - 5
CES scored 20 runs before MDG "A" managed to score two runs in the bottom of the fourth inning. Greg Bosarge earned his second victory by pitching his first complete game and allowing only four earned runs.
Offensively, Les McCracken led the team with five runs-batted-in by hitting

three doubles and an inside-the-park homerun. Every CES player had at least one hit and a run scored in the 32 hit barrage.
The next CES practice is on Monday, 7 Aug, at 1900 hours and their last regular season game is on Wednesday, 9 Aug, at 2000 hours against MDG #2.
(CES story submitted by Staff Sgt. Leonard Sobieski, CES coach).

All Border Eagle submissions should be sent to bradley.pettit@laughlin.af.mil or reginal.woodruff@laughlin.af.mil.

Pilot awards

The graduation awards for SUPT Class 00-12 are as follows:

Order of Daedalians AETC Commander’s Trophy

- 1st Lt. Jason R. Denton (airlift, tanker)
- 2nd Lt. Mark W. Schulenberg (fighter, bomber)

Outstanding Officer

- 1st Lt. Jason R. Denton

Distinguished Graduates

- 1st Lt. Jason R. Denton
- 1st Lt. Jimmy W. Smith (airlift, tanker)
- 2nd Lt. Mark W. Schulenberg

Flying Training Award

- 1st Lt. Jason R. Denton
- 2nd Lt. Mark W. Schulenberg

Academic Training Award

- 2nd Lt. Michael S. Lauro (airlift, tanker)
- 2nd Lt. Nathan A. Litz (fighter, bomber)

Daedallian Award

- 1st Lt. Jason R. Denton

Laughlin history

In July 1942, the War Department officially established an Army Air Forces station on a site selected by the Aviation Committee of the Del Rio Chamber of Commerce. The AAF changed the mission three times before the base became operational. In 1943, the AAF brought in the B-26 Marauder and opened which school here:

- a) AAF Advanced Flying School
- b) AAF Bombardier School
- c) AAF Transition Flying School

The correct answers is ... C. The AAF opened the Transition Flying School Jan. 1, 1943 to transition pilots into the Martin B-26. Before coming to the TFS, students received their wings at twin-engine advanced flying schools scattered throughout Texas, Oklahoma and Kansas. They spent over 200 hours in the air in preparation for the final course at Laughlin. Laughlin Field graduated 2,924 students as B-26 pilots between Feb. 1943 and Sept. 1943.

Taste test

The Helping Us Grow Stronger committee and the Health and Wellness Center are holding their 3rd annual Healthy Dessert Taste-Testing Demonstration 2-4 p.m. Thursday in the clinic training room.

Everyone is invited and encouraged to attend. For more information, call Staff Sgt. Jenny Ruiz at 6464.



Tricare Day

The 47th Medical Group will have its next Tricare Day question and answer sessions 2-3 p.m. for active duty members and their families and 3-4:30 p.m. for retirees and their families.

Closure

The 47th Comptroller Flight will close at 3 p.m. today for a commander’s call. Emergency assistance will be available by contacting Master Sgt. Hosea Butler at 703-1890.

Korean War medal

The Secretary of Defense approved wearing of the Republic of Korea War Service Medal. Dates of eligibility are from June 25, 1950 through July 27, 1953. The service prescribed must have been performed while on permanent assignment or while on temporary duty within the territorial limits or adjacent waters of Korea for 30 consecutive or 60 nonconsecutive days. Crew members of aircraft, in aerial flight over Korea participating in actual combat operations, or in support of combat operations are also eligible.

For more information, or to pick up a medal application fact sheet, calls Awards and Decorations at 4820.

Disaster preparedness

The American Red Cross will conduct free training seminars to demonstrate how it helps people during disasters 6 p.m. Friday and 8:30 a.m. Saturday at La Quinta motel. The ARC encourages base members to attend and join a local or national disaster response team to help make a difference in the community.

If interested, call the ARC at 775-8626 to sign up.

Tricare access

Tricare beneficiaries have access to the health care information line – a 24-hour service that provides answers to hundreds of health questions.

Laughlin is in Tricare region 6. Members in this region should call 1-800-611-2875 to speak to a personal health adviser for help in evaluating symptoms for themselves or a family member, or listen to more than 400 recorded messages about a variety of health care topics. Call 911 for emergencies.

If you need to speak with a health care finder about referrals, authorizations or coordination of care, call 1-800-406-2832, press option three then option six for Laughlin.

Air Force Aid Society

Sudden emergency and no cash? It can happen to anyone. Your Air Force Aid Society has assisted Air Force people for over 50 years and is there to help you. AFAS...Air Force people helping each other.

For more information, call 298-5109.

Food donation containers

The Company Grade Officers’ Council has two blue, food donation containers located in ground floor breezeways in buildings 449 and 450. The food is donated to the Bethel Center to help needy people in the community.

If you want to clear out your cupboards, donate your extra nonperishable items using these containers. The containers are emptied monthly. For more information, call 1st Lt. Liz Greenfield at 5698.

Supply customer service

William Centifanti is the base supply single point of contact for customer service. Centifanti can assist you in the following areas: suspected price discrepancies, reporting fraud, waste and abuse incidents, provide technical assistance and resolve complaints, questions and problems.

Education office offers more

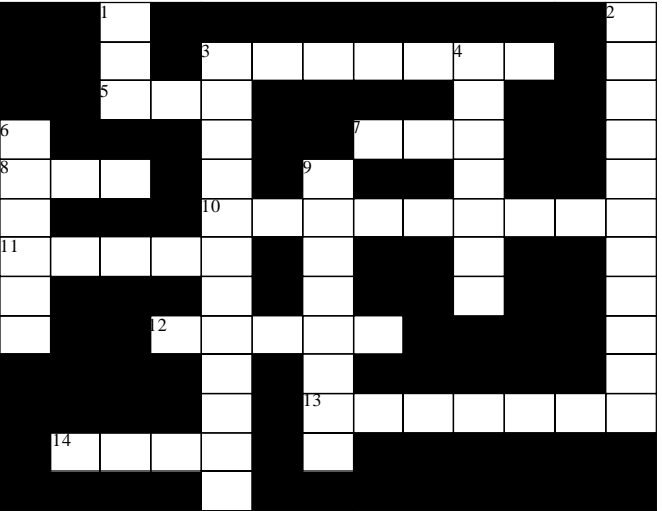
You may already have your associate’s degree from the Community College of the Air Force or be closer than

you think to completing it.

Let the Laughlin Education Office show you where you stand and, if necessary, methods available for completion. Depending on the requirements you have left, it could be absolutely free!

Contact the Laughlin Education Office at 732-5545 for an appointment.

IG crossword puzzle



Across

- 3. A ____ is a significant deficiency that requires a specific answer to HQ AETC on corrective actions.
- 5. Operational Readiness Inspection (abbr).
- 7. Unit Control Center (abbr).
- 8. Entry Control Point (abbr).
- 10. JCS approved program standardizing Services’ recommendations of and response to terrorist threats to US personnel and facilities.
- 11. THREATCON ____ applies when there is a general threat of terrorist activity.
- 12. THREATCON ____ applies when a terrorist attack has occurred.
- 13. THREATCON ____ applies when intelligence is received indicating some form of terrorist attack is imminent.
- 14. Major Accident Response Exercise (abbr).

Down

- 1. Unexploded ordnance (Abbr).
- 2. A ____ item is a highly effective concept, technique or practice better than those found in other units.
- 3. The IG work center will be in this building.
- 4. Nuclear, Biological, Chemical Ability To Survive and Operate (abbr).
- 6. Every military and mission critical civilian assigned to Laughlin is on a ____ roster for their squadron.
- 9. A Best ____ is a superior method or innovative concept that contributes to improved performance of a process.

Looking to the ORI

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15-day checklist
■ If you have a mission statement, is it clearly defined and known by all in your unit?
■ Commanders: Have you had your self inspection monitor brief your supervisors on open discrepancies and how to work them with the inspections?
■ Time to do one last check of the files—are they purged and in order